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Washington, DC 20585

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Mr. Andrew Reed
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Dear Mr. Reed:

This is an interim response to the request for information that you sent to the Department of Energy (DOE) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552. You asked for expense reports for the past six months for Dr. Steven Chu. In subsequent correspondence with Ms. Joan Ogbazghi, you stated that you seek expense reports submitted and reimbursed to Dr. Chu for the past six months.

The request has been sent to the Office of the Chief Financial Officer to conduct a search of its files for responsive records. Upon completion of the search and the review of any records located, that office will provide a response to you.

In your letter, you requested a waiver of fees associated with the processing of the request. For purposes of assessment of fees, you have been categorized under the DOE regulation at Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1004.9(b)(3), as a "news media" requester. Requesters in this category are charged fees for duplication only and are provided 100 pages at no cost.

At this time, duplication fees for the request are not expected to exceed \$15.00, the minimum amount at which the DOE assesses fees. If fees exceed that amount, a determination will be made about your request for a fee waiver.

Please refer to the above referenced number in communications with the DOE about the request. If you have any questions about the processing of the request, you may contact Ms. Lynette Walker in the Office of the Chief Financial Officer at CF-2/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, or on (202) 586-2019.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you. You may contact Ms. Ogbazghi in this office on (202) 586-3595 with any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,

Alexander C. Morris
FOIA Officer
Office of Information Resources

